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**I. PRESIDENTIAL UNIT CITATION (NAVY).** Award of the Presidential Unit Citation (Navy) to the following United States Army units for periods indicated is confirmed in accordance with paragraph 194, AR 672-5-1.

1st Battalion, 14th Infantry (for period 10 September 1967-15 September 1967)

18th Aviation Company (for period 29 March 1966-30 June 1967)

Batteries A and B, 3d Battalion, 18th Artillery (for period 25 April 1967-5 June 1967)

3d, 4th, 5th and 6th Platoons, 29th Civil Affairs Company (for period 29 March 1966-31 March 1967)

Battery A, 2d Battalion, 94th Artillery (for period 1 October 1966-31 March 1967)

Battery G, 94th Artillery (for period 1 April 1966-31 May 1967)

220th Aviation Company (less 4th Platoon) (for period 29 March 1966-30 January 1967)

3d Platoon, 220th Aviation Company (for period 25 April 1967-5 June 1967)

222d Aviation Company (for period 29 March 1966-30 June 1967)

Detachment, 244th Psychological Operations Company (for period 1 December 1966-31 March 1967)

Liaison Team, Advisory Team No. 2, Military Assistance Command Vietnam (for period 25 April 1967-5 June 1967)

The citation reads as follows:

For extraordinary heroism and outstanding performance of duty in action against the North Vietnamese Army and Viet Cong forces in the Republic of Vietnam, from 29 March 1966 to 15 September 1967, the above U.S. Army units, while attached to the First Marine Division (Reinforced), operating in the northern provinces of Quang Nhai, Quang Tin, and Quang Nam, superbly executed the threefold mission of seeking out and destroying the enemy, defending key airfields and routes of communication, and conducting a dynamic pacification and revolutionary development program. Operating in the defense of the Chu Lai area, which grew from 254 square miles in March 1966 to 1,531 square miles by October 1966, the First Marine Division and its attached units extended protection and pacification to over one million Vietnamese without loss of continuity in operations. In canopied jungles, rugged mountains, and through swampy lowlands, the war was carried to the enemy. During eighty-seven major operations conducted in conjunction with 158,000 patrols, the First Marine Division and attached

units soundly defeated the determined adversary. The major offensive operations, carried out against entrenched and fortified forces, captured tons of rice and emancipated complete villages of the Vietnamese, while defensive actions resulted in a harvest of 7,620 tons of rice gathered by approximately 10,000 Vietnamese villagers, protected by Marine Forces. In March 1967 the Division deployed units to the Demilitarized Zone while continuing to expand its general offensive and maintain continuous pressure against the enemy. During the entire period, combat operations were made meaningful by simultaneous pacification and revolutionary development programs, which were extraordinary in concept and brilliant in execution. The First Marine Division's unrelenting combat spirit and initiative, undeterred by intensive enemy fire, monsoon rains, and incessant heat, inflicted massive losses on the enemy and denied him the political and military victories he sought to achieve. By their effective teamwork, aggressive fighting spirit, and many individual acts of personal heroism and daring, the personnel of the First Marine Division and attached units forged an illustrious record of sustained courage and professional competence, which reflected great credit upon them and upon the Armed Forces of the United States.

**II. MERITORIOUS UNIT COMMENDATION. 1.** By direction of the Secretary of the Army, under the provisions of paragraph 203, AR 672-5-1, the Meritorious Unit Commendation is awarded to the following units of the United States Army and the Royal Thai Army for exceptionally meritorious achievement in the performance of outstanding service during the period indicated:

The ROYAL THAI ARMY VOLUNTEER FORCE and assigned and attached units:

HEADQUARTERS AND HEADQUARTERS COMPANY (1 December 1968 to 31 May 1969)

HEADQUARTERS AND HEADQUARTERS COMPANY, 1ST INFANTRY BRIGADE (1 December 1968 to 31 May 1969)

1ST BATTALION, 1ST INFANTRY BRIGADE (1 December 1968 to 31 May 1969)

2D BATTALION, 1ST INFANTRY BRIGADE (1 December 1968 to 31 May 1969)

3D BATTALION, 1ST INFANTRY BRIGADE (1 December 1968 to 31 May 1969)

HEADQUARTERS AND HEADQUARTERS COMPANY, 2D INFANTRY BRIGADE (14 February 1969 to 31 May 1969)

1ST BATTALION, 2D INFANTRY BRIGADE (14 February 1969 to 31 May 1969)

2D BATTALION, 2D INFANTRY BRIGADE (7 February 1969 to 31 May 1969)

3D BATTALION, 2D INFANTRY BRIGADE (31 January 1969 to 31 May 1969)

HEADQUARTERS, DIVISION ARTILLERY (1 December 1968 to 31 May 1969)

HEADQUARTERS BATTERY, DIVISION ARTILLERY (7 February 1969 to 31 May 1969)

1ST FIELD ARTILLERY BATTALION (105MM) (1 December 1968 to 31 May 1969)

2D FIELD ARTILLERY BATTALION (105MM) (14 February 1969 to 31 May 1969)  
 3D FIELD ARTILLERY BATTALION (155MM) (7 February 1969 to 31 May 1969)  
 CAVALRY SQUADRON (31 January 1969 to 31 May 1969)  
 LONG RANGE RECONNAISSANCE PATROL COMPANY (1 December 1968 to 31 May 1969)  
 HEADQUARTERS, SUPPORT GROUP (1 December 1968 to 31 May 1969)  
 HEADQUARTERS, SUPPORT GROUP AND BAND  
 (1 December 1968 to 31 May 1969)  
 MAINTENANCE BATTALION (1 December 1968 to 31 May 1969)  
 SUPPLY AND SERVICE COMPANY (1 December 1968 to 31 May 1969)  
 TRANSPORTATION COMPANY (1 December 1968 to 31 May 1969)  
 ADMINISTRATION COMPANY (1 December 1968 to 31 May 1969)  
 REPLACEMENT COMPANY (1 December 1968 to 31 May 1969)  
 MEDICAL BATTALION (7 February 1969 to 31 May 1969)  
 ENGINEER BATTALION (1 December 1968 to 31 May 1969)  
 SIGNAL BATTALION (1 December 1968 to 31 May 1969)  
 MILITARY POLICE COMPANY (1 December 1968 to 31 May 1969)  
 LIGHT AVIATION COMPANY (1 December 1968 to 31 May 1969)  
 MILITARY INTELLIGENCE DETACHMENT  
 (1 December 1968 to 31 May 1969)  
 BATTERY D, 5TH BATTALION, 2D ARTILLERY  
 (SELF-PROPELLED) (AUTOMATIC WEAPONS).  
 UNITED STATES ARMY (1 December 1968 to 31 May 1969)

The citation reads as follows:

The ROYAL THAI ARMY VOLUNTEER FORCE and assigned and attached units distinguished themselves while engaged in military operations in the Republic of Vietnam from 1 December 1968 to 31 May 1969. Working in coordination with other free world forces to further the attainment of free world counterinsurgency objectives in the Republic of Vietnam, the Royal Thai Army Volunteer Force contributed significantly to the pacification of its tactical area of responsibility and denied the enemy the use of its food sources, its traditional infiltration routes, and its sanctuary areas. The Royal Thai Army Volunteer Force added immeasurably to the protection of the Long Binh military complex when it was threatened by attack during the 1969 post-Tet offensive. During this period the Royal Thai Army Volunteer Force inflicted heavy casualties on an aggressive hostile force and maintained the security of major lines of communication and of the populated areas within its operational area. By indomitable will and dauntless courage, the individual soldiers of the "Panther Division" successfully withstood the enemy's continual efforts to overpower Thai positions and regain control of the area. The outstanding performance of duty exhibited by the Thai fighting men and those who supported them, sustained through hazardous and difficult conditions, reflects great credit upon them and the Royal Thai Army.

2. By direction of the Secretary of the Army, under the provisions of paragraph 203, AR 672-5-1, the Meritorious Unit Commendation (First Oak Leaf Cluster) is awarded to the following unit of the United States Army for ex-

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exceptionally meritorious achievement in the performance of outstanding service during the period indicated:

**7TH PSYCHOLOGICAL OPERATIONS GROUP, UNITED STATES  
ARMY**

The citation reads as follows:

The 7TH PSYCHOLOGICAL OPERATIONS GROUP distinguished themselves by meritorious performance of duties during the period 1 April 1967 to 30 September 1968 in support of Free World Forces in Vietnam. During this period, the 7th Psychological Operations Group supported the Commander, United States Military Assistance Command, Vietnam by providing over 13 billion leaflets for dissemination in support of military operations, area pacification programs and the Chieu Hoi Amnesty Program. The leaflets provided were instrumental in increasing the number of enemy defections to the Government of Vietnam during the period April 1967 to September 1968. The development and continuing refinement of the technique of "high altitude leaflet dissemination" enabled the Group to drop leaflets on North Vietnam's major population centers to include Hanoi, Haiphong, Vinh, and the Red River Delta. This technique enables the aircraft to drop leaflets into favorable winds miles away from the target area, and yet insures that the leaflets will fall within the designated location. Thus, the aircraft and crew are able to avoid enemy fortified positions and there has not been a single aircraft or crew member lost while engaged in leafleting North Vietnam. The 7th Psychological Operations Group also provided a mobile radio and crew on temporary duty to enable broadcast of psychological operations messages to enemy troops in an area previously inaccessible to radio. The work of three Radio/Magazine Editorial Teams served to bolster the morale and fighting spirit of the Republic of Korea Forces, Vietnam. During the period cited, the 7th Psychological Operations Group also provided 35 officers and enlisted men on a temporary duty basis in support of Free World Forces in Vietnam. These men were instrumental in training selected personnel from Military Assistance Command, Vietnam, served as short term replacements in key positions, and thereby insured the success of the 7th Psychological Operations program in Vietnam. Throughout the cited period, the 7th Psychological Operations Group has rendered exceptionally meritorious support to military combat operations in the Republic of Vietnam. The service of the officers and men of the 7th Psychological Operations Group was in keeping with the highest traditions of the United States Armed Forces. Throughout its service, the unit reflected great credit upon itself, the military establishment, and the United States of America.

- III. VIETNAMESE CROSS OF GALLANTRY WITH PALM.** 1. The award of the Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry with Palm by the Republic of Vietnam to units of the United States Army and attached Republic of Vietnam units listed below is confirmed.
2. The Cross of Gallantry with Palm has been awarded by the Government of the Republic of Vietnam for outstanding service during the period 9 August 1965 through 19 May 1969 to:

The 1ST CAVALRY DIVISION (AIRMOBILE) assigned and attached units:

- Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Cavalry Division
- Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Brigade
- Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 2d Brigade
- Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 3d Brigade
- Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, Division Artillery
- Headquarters and Headquarters Company and Band, Support Command
- 1st Battalion, 5th Cavalry
- 2d Battalion, 5th Cavalry
- 1st Battalion, 7th Cavalry
- 2d Battalion, 7th Cavalry
- 5th Battalion, 7th Cavalry
- 1st Battalion, 8th Cavalry
- 2d Battalion, 8th Cavalry
- 1st Battalion, 12th Cavalry
- 2d Battalion, 12th Cavalry
- 11th General Support Company, 11th Aviation Group
- Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 11th Aviation Group
- 15th Administration Company
- 15th Supply and Service Battalion
- 15th Medical Battalion
- 15th Transportation Battalion
- 2d Battalion, 19th Artillery
- 8th Engineer Battalion
- 1st Squadron, 9th Cavalry
- Headquarters and Headquarters Company and Company A, 13th Signal Battalion
- 14th Military History Detachment
- 2d Battalion, 20th Artillery
- 1st Battalion, 21st Artillery
- 25th Infantry Platoon
- 1st Battalion, 30th Artillery
- 26th Chemical Detachment
- 27th Maintenance Battalion
- 34th Infantry Platoon
- 41st Public Information Detachment
- 42d Public Information Detachment
- Company E, 52d Infantry
- 62d Infantry Platoon
- 1st Battalion, 77th Artillery
- Battery E, 82d Artillery
- 184th Chemical Platoon
- 191st Military Intelligence Detachment
- 227th Aviation Battalion
- 228th Aviation Battalion
- 229th Aviation Battalion

The citation reads as follows:

The 1ST CAVALRY DIVISION (AIRMOBILE) arrived in Vietnam on 7 August 1965 and participated in successive military operations in

Pleiku, Phan Thiet, Binh Dinh, Quang Nam, A Chau, Khe Sanh and Thua Thien, frustrating the Communists many times. In particular, during the period it was stationed in the III Corps Tactical Zone from 26 October 1968 to the present time, the 1st United States Cavalry Division has been under the command of Major General GEORGE I FORSYTHE and has been on constant alert and participated in clashes over the entire battlefield. Disregarding unfavorable terrain, as well as modern and intense antiaircraft fire from well-fortified enemy trenches, the men of this unit have gallantly engaged in bloody battles in Phuoc Long, Binh Long, Tay Ninh, Hau Nghia and Bien Hoa Provinces, blocking infiltration by the North Vietnamese regular forces through the Cambodian-Vietnamese border in a timely and effective manner. Furthermore, this unit also intervened and repulsed enemy attacks against friendly forces, smashed many large-scale troop movements designed to shell and attack the capital city of Saigon during the Viet Cong Winter-Spring Campaign of 1968-1969, and neutralized the enemy military potential in secret zones, inflicting continuous personnel casualties and weapons losses upon the enemy. With the above-mentioned outstanding achievements, the 1st Cavalry Division has effectively assisted the Republic of Vietnam in the fight against the Communists to preserve peace and freedom.

3. The Cross of Gallantry with Palm has been awarded by the Government of the Republic of Vietnam for outstanding service during the period 1 October 1964 to 17 May 1969 to:

The 5TH SPECIAL FORCES GROUP (AIRBORNE) and its assigned and attached units:

Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 5th Special Forces Group (for the period 1 October 1964 to 17 May 1969)

Company A, 5th Special Forces Group

Company B, 5th Special Forces Group

Company C, 5th Special Forces Group

Company D, 5th Special Forces Group

Signal Company, 5th Special Forces Group

21st Military History Detachment (for the period 22 April 1967 to 17 May 1969)

251st Signal Detachment (for the period 27 May 1967 to 17 May 1969)

487th Signal Detachment (for the period 27 May 1967 to 17 May 1969)

540th Signal Detachment (for the period 24 May 1967 to 17 May 1969)

522d Signal Detachment (for the period 25 June 1967 to 17 May 1969)

585th Military Intelligence Detachment (for the period 30 June 1967 to 17 May 1969)

588th Military Intelligence Detachment (for the period 30 June 1967 to 17 May 1969)

613th Military Intelligence Detachment (for the period 30 June 1967 to 17 May 1969)

629th Military Intelligence Detachment (for the period 30 June 1967 to 17 May 1969)

630th Military Intelligence Detachment (for the period 30 June 1967 to 17 May 1969)

631st Military Intelligence Detachment (for the period 30 June 1967 to 17 May 1969)

633d Military Intelligence Detachment (for the period 30 June 1967 to 17 May 1969)  
 634th Military Intelligence Detachment (for the period 30 June 1967 to 17 May 1969)  
 641st Military Intelligence Detachment (for the period 30 June 1967 to 17 May 1969)  
 703d Military Intelligence Detachment (for the period 30 June 1967 to 17 May 1969)  
 403d Radio Research Special Operations Detachment  
 Walter Reed Army Institute of Research Epidemiological Survey Team  
 (for the period 30 June 1967 to 17 May 1969)

The citation reads as follows:

The 5TH SPECIAL FORCES GROUP was activated in Vietnam on 1 October 1964, with the mission of providing direct logistical and operational support to Vietnamese Special Forces and to conduct the mission of unconventional warfare. Particularly, the emphasis was placed on the Civilian Irregular Defense Group. Since this activation, the personnel of the 5th Special Forces Group have performed as advisors in coordinating the deployment of Vietnamese Special Forces in A, B, and C Detachments throughout the four Corps Tactical Zones. Over 60 Vietnamese Special Forces Camps, located along the Vietnamese and Laotian borders, have been established with the mission of interdicting the infiltration of North Vietnamese Army troops in territory of the Republic of Vietnam. Additionally, mobile strike forces in the four Corps Tactical Zones and Project Delta have been deployed for parallel operation with the Vietnamese Special Forces. United States Army Special Forces Advisors were constantly present, fought side-by-side with their counterparts, Vietnamese Special Forces personnel, and greatly contributed to their glorious achievements. The Headquarters, 5th Special Forces Group, located in Nha Trang, has enthusiastically advised the Vietnamese Special Forces High Command and, at the same time, directly handled the Logistic Support Program and Plan of Operation at all locations containing United States Army Special Forces personnel. Numerous combat deeds have been achieved by Vietnamese Special Forces through offensive operations which engaged Communist troops. These were the result of the direct participation of 5th Special Forces personnel. The devotion to duty and high morale of officers and men of the 5th Special Forces Group in the accomplishment of their mission has effectively contributed to the fight for freedom in Vietnam.

4. The Cross of Gallantry with Palm has been awarded by the Government of the Republic of Vietnam for outstanding service during the period January 1969 to June 1969 to:

The 9TH INFANTRY DIVISION and its assigned and attached units:

Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 9th Infantry Divisions  
 Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Brigade  
 Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 2d Brigade  
 Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 3d Brigade  
 Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 9th Infantry Division Artillery  
 Headquarters and Headquarters Company and Band, 9th Infantry Division Support Command  
 2d Battalion, 4th Artillery

Battery C, 5th Battalion, 2d Artillery  
 Troop D, 3d Squadron, 5th Cavalry  
 9th Administration Company  
 9th Aviation Battalion  
 9th Medical Battalion  
 9th Military Intelligence Detachment  
 9th Signal Battalion  
 9th Military Police Company  
 9th Supply and Transport Battalion  
 1st Battalion, 11th Artillery  
 15th Engineer Battalion  
 Troop A, 3d Squadron, 17th Cavalry  
 Troop B, 3d Squadron, 17th Cavalry  
 18th Public Information Detachment  
 19th Military History Detachment  
 19th Public Information Detachment  
 22d Public Information Detachment  
 2d Platoon, Battery H, 29th Artillery  
 6th Battalion, 31st Infantry  
 3d Battalion, 34th Artillery  
 39th Chemical Detachment  
 2d Battalion, 39th Infantry  
 3d Battalion, 39th Infantry  
 4th Battalion, 39th Infantry  
 43d Infantry Platoon  
 45th Infantry Platoon  
 2d Battalion, 47th Infantry  
 3d Battalion, 47th Infantry  
 4th Battalion, 47th Infantry  
 2d Battalion, 60th Infantry  
 3d Battalion, 60th Infantry  
 5th Battalion, 60th Infantry  
 65th Infantry Platoon  
 Company E, 75th Infantry  
 1st Battalion, 84th Artillery  
 86th Engineer Battalion  
 162d Aviation Company  
 191st Aviation Company  
 Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 214th Aviation Battalion  
 240th Aviation Company  
 335th Radio Research Company  
 361st Aviation Detachment  
 584th Military Intelligence Detachment  
 709th Maintenance Battalion  
 1097th Transportation Company  
 Armor Platoon, Air Cushion Vehicle  
 United States Army Special Security Group, Assistant Chief of Staff  
 for Intelligence, Department of the Army, 9th Infantry Division  
 Detachment  
 Air Force Weather Detachment 32, 5th Weather Squadron, U.S. Air Force



Air Liaison Officers, Forward Air Controllers, Tactical Air Liaison Officers, Tactical Air Control Parties of the 19th Tactical Air Support Squadron, 504th Tactical Air Support Group, United States Air Force 14th Military Intelligence Detachment (Army of the Republic of Vietnam) Vietnamese Interpreters (Army of the Republic of Vietnam) Tiger Scouts

The citation reads as follows:

The 9th United States Infantry Division, an excellent unit, always raised the brave fighting spirit. During the period January to June 1969, under the command of Major General Harris W. Hollis, the 9th United States Infantry Division has closely cooperated with the Republic of Vietnam Armed Forces to continuously launch many operations, destroying Communist Forces in the borders between the III and IV Corps Tactical Zones covering the Provinces of Long-An; Dinh-Tuong; Kien-Hoa and Go-Gong. In the above Operations, the 9th United States Infantry Division, with a decisive intention to engage the enemy and win every battle, has applied new tactics obliging the Communists to engage in battle throughout the Operation Area even their safety special area. Throughout the 22 major engagements with the North Vietnamese Army and Viet Cong main force, as well as other thousands of small contacts, the 9th United States Infantry Division and its attached units caused heavy casualties to the enemy with intense fire support of artillery, armed helicopters and tactical air support. The engagements resulted in: 12,458 enemy killed; 550 captured; 248 surrendered and various weapons and ammunition seized. By actively participating in the above victories, the 9th United States Infantry Division has greatly contributed to the destruction of the Winter-Spring (1968-1969) Offensive Plan of the Communists, which attempted to launch devastating attacks on Saigon and cities south of Saigon. This restored the security of the country-side, and provided an environment in which a multitude of pacification activities of the Republic of Vietnam Government were effectively developed and brought fine results.

5. The Cross of Gallantry with Palm has been awarded by the Government of the Republic of Vietnam for outstanding service during the period 17 July 1968 to 14 June 1969 to:

**The 6TH BATTALION, 77TH ARTILLERY**

The citation reads as follows:

The 6TH BATTALION, 77TH ARTILLERY, commanded by Lieutenant Colonel Floyd C. Adams, is an outstanding artillery unit with a high degree of professionalism. Attached to support the IV Corps Tactical Zone since 17 July 1968, the 6th Battalion, 77th Artillery participated in divisional-level operations and achieved glorious victories. Personnel of the 6th Battalion, 77th Artillery have always proved to be aggressive and, in all operations, demonstrated their skill in providing accurate, effective, fire support, thus creating favorable conditions for friendly units in numerous successes. From the beginning to the present time within the IV Corps Tactical Zone, the 6th Battalion, 77th Artillery was credited with 1,120 Viet Cong killed in action. The 6th Battalion, 77th Artillery was especially well known in the following operations: Operation QC/SD21/44-45 at Ca Mau from 22 December 1968 to 7 January 1969 conducted by the 21st

Infantry Division (Army of the Republic of Vietnam) and Operation Co. To mountain from 16 March 1969 to 6 April 1969 conducted by the 44th Special Area. Through close coordination and talent of accurate fire of soldiers of all batteries, 6th Battalion, 77th Artillery, the two above-mentioned operations inflicted heavy losses of personnel and weapons on the Viet Cong. A total result of the two operations: 257 enemy killed and 177 captured. Operational forces seized 786 weapons including 86 crew-served weapons, a large amount of ammunition, explosives, equipment and important documents. The 6th Battalion, 77th Artillery contributed greatly to the present struggle against the Communists in the Republic of Vietnam.

**IV--LUXEMBURG CROIX de GUERRE. 1.** The award of the Luxembourg Croix de Guerre by the Luxembourg Government to a unit of the United States Army listed below is confirmed.

2. The Luxembourg Croix de Guerre has been awarded by the Luxembourg Government to the 8th Infantry Division for its participation in the liberation of Luxembourg during World War II. (DA Message 38738, 28 May 1969 granted exception to policy in paragraph 218, AR 672-5-1 which limits acceptance of a foreign unit award to 1 year after hostilities.)

**V--CIVIL ACTION HONOR MEDAL, FIRST CLASS. 1.** The award of the Civil Action Honor Medal, First Class by the Republic of Vietnam to a unit of the United States Army listed below is confirmed.

2. The Civil Action Honor Medal, First Class has been awarded by the Government of the Republic of Vietnam for outstanding service during the period 19 December 1966 to 28 June 1969 to:

The 9TH INFANTRY DIVISION and its assigned and attached units:

Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 9th Infantry Division

Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Brigade

Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 2d Brigade

Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 3d Brigade

Headquarters and Headquarters Battery, 9th Infantry Division Artillery

Headquarters and Headquarters Company and Band, 9th Infantry Division Support Command

2d Battalion, 4th Artillery

Battery C, 5th Battalion, 2d Artillery

Troop D, 3d Squadron, 5th Cavalry

9th Administration Company

9th Aviation Battalion

9th Medical Battalion

9th Military Intelligence Detachment

9th Signal Battalion

9th Military Police Company

9th Supply and Transport Battalion

1st Battalion, 11th Artillery

15th Engineer Battalion

Troop A, 3d Squadron, 17th Cavalry

Troop B, 3d Squadron, 17th Cavalry

18th Public Information Detachment

19th Military History Detachment

19th Public Information Detachment  
 22d Public Information Detachment  
 2d Platoon, Battery H, 29th Artillery  
 6th Battalion, 31st Infantry  
 3d Battalion, 34th Artillery  
 39th Chemical Detachment  
 2d Battalion, 39th Infantry  
 4th Battalion, 39th Infantry  
 43d Infantry Platoon  
 45th Infantry Platoon  
 2d Battalion, 47th Infantry  
 3d Battalion, 47th Infantry  
 4th Battalion, 47th Infantry  
 2d Battalion, 60th Infantry  
 3d Battalion, 60th Infantry  
 5th Battalion, 60th Infantry  
 65th Infantry Platoon  
 Company E, 75th Infantry  
 1st Battalion, 84th Artillery  
 86th Engineer Battalion  
 162d Aviation Company  
 191st Aviation Company  
 Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 214th Aviation Battalion  
 240th Aviation Company  
 335th Radio Research Company  
 361st Aviation Detachment  
 584th Military Intelligence Detachment  
 709th Maintenance Battalion  
 1097th Transportation Company  
 Armor Platoon, Air Cushion Vehicle  
 United States Army Special Security Group, Assistant Chief of Staff for  
 Intelligence, Department of the Army, 9th Infantry Division  
 Detachment  
 Air Force Weather Detachment 32, 5th Weather Squadron, U.S. Air Force  
 Air Liaison Officers, Forward Air Controllers, Tactical Air Liaison Officers,  
 Tactical Air Control Parties of the 19th Tactical Air Support Squad-  
 ron, 504th Tactical Air Support Group, United States Air Force  
 14th Military Intelligence Detachment (Army of the Republic of Vietnam)  
 Vietnamese Interpreters (Army of the Republic of Vietnam)  
 Tiger Scouts

**The citation reads as follows :**

Serving in Vietnam from 19 December 1966 to the present, the 9th United States Infantry Division has obtained many significant results in the spheres of Warfare and Civic Actions. Especially in the area of Civic Actions, the 9th United States Infantry Division's soldiers, in spite of hardship, carried out their activities in remote hamlets in helping the Vietnamese people through their medical support, education and psychological warfare assistance, repair and construction of public facilities for the war victims. In the area of public health, the 9th United States Infantry Division has trained 158 Public Health Cadres, given medical examinations and treated

708,588 persons. In the educational domain, the 9th United States Infantry Division constructed and equipped 356 Schools in Tien Giang; Dong Tam and My To areas. In the psychological warfare area, the 9th United States Infantry Division has carried out a good deal of loudspeaker and leaflet dropping missions, resulting in 8,949 Viet Cong Cadres surrendering. In addition, the 9th United States Infantry Division provided 48,256 manpower hours to help the local people in repairing the destroyed houses; furnished 89 Orphanages with construction materials; distributed 1,000 tons of food and 8 tons of clothes to refugees of the Communists aggression. Through the above achievements, the 9th United States Infantry Division has contributed greatly to the common struggle against Communism, as well as helped the Republic of Vietnam in its reconstruction.

**VI. PRESIDENTIAL UNIT CITATION.** 1. Paragraph 4, section I, DA General Orders 45, 1969, pertaining to the award of the Presidential Unit Citation to the 5th Special Forces Group (Airborne), 1st Special Forces, United States Army and its assigned and attached units, is amended to add: "US Army Special Forces Epidemiological Survey Team (Airborne)".

2. So much of paragraph 1, section I, DA General Orders 17, 1969, pertaining to award of the Presidential Unit Citation (Army) to the 716th Military Police Battalion and its attached units as reads, "the United States Army Headquarters Area Command Security Guard Company (Provisional)" is amended to read "Headquarters and Headquarters Detachment, United States Army Headquarters Area Command".

3. Section IV, DA General Orders Number 45, 16 July 1969, is revoked.

**VII. VALOROUS UNIT AWARD.** So much of section III, DA General Orders 5, 1969, pertaining to the award of the Valorous Unit Award to Detachment B-52 (Project Delta), 5th Special Forces Group (Airborne), 1st Special Forces and its assigned and attached units as reads:

Delta Tactical Air Control Party, 21st Tactical Air Support Squadron  
Delta Training Command

1st Company, 91st Army of the Republic of Vietnam Ranger Battalion  
(Airborne)

2d Company, 91st Army of the Republic of Vietnam Ranger Battalion  
(Airborne)

5th Company, 91st Army of the Republic of Vietnam Ranger Battalion  
(Airborne)

is amended to read:

Detachment B-52 (Project Delta), 5th Special Forces Group (Airborne),  
1st Special Forces and its assigned and attached units:

Delta Tactical Air Control Party, 21st Tactical Air Support Squadron  
Delta Training Command

1st Company, 91st Army of the Republic of Vietnam Ranger Battalion  
(Airborne)

3d Company, 91st Army of the Republic of Vietnam Ranger Battalion  
(Airborne)

5th Company, 91st Army of the Republic of Vietnam Ranger Battalion  
(Airborne)

281st Aviation Company (-)

Detachment A-503, 7th Mobile Strike Force Company, 5th Special Forces  
Group (Airborne), 1st Special Forces

**VIII--VIETNAMESE CROSS OF GALLANTRY WITH PALM. 1.** Paragraph 2, section III, DA General Orders 21, 1969, pertaining to the award of the Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry with Palm (Second Award) to the 1st Aviation Brigade and its assigned and attached units, as reads "during the period 22 February 1967 to 1 May 1968", is amended to read "during the period 27 March 1967 to 17 May 1968" for the following units:

145th Security Platoon (Provisional)

167th Transportation Detachment

2. Paragraph 3, section III, DA General Orders 21, 1969, pertaining to the award of the Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry with Palm (Second Award) to the 1st Aviation Brigade its assigned and attached units, is amended to delete:

205th Aviation Company

391st Transportation Detachment

605th Transportation Detachment

3. Paragraph 3, DA General Orders 22, 1968, as amended by paragraph 3, section IV, DA General Orders 21, 1969, pertaining to the award of the Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry with Palm to the 1st Aviation Brigade its assigned and attached units, is amended to delete: "341st Aviation Detachment".

4. Paragraph 2, section III, DA General Orders 21, 1969, pertaining to the award of the Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry with Palm to the 1st Aviation Brigade its assigned and attached units, is amended to delete: "341st Aviation Detachment".

5. Paragraph 3, DA General Orders 22, 1968, pertaining to the award of the Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry with Palm to the 1st Aviation Battalion its assigned and attached units, is amended to add: "128th Aviation Company (for period 1 March 1966 through 21 February 1967)".

6. Paragraph 2, section II, DA General Orders 21, 1969, pertaining to the award of the Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry with Palm to the 1st Infantry Division its assigned and attached units, is amended to add: "337th Radio Research Company".

7. Paragraph 3, section II, DA General Orders 21, 1969, pertaining to the award of the Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry with Palm to the 25th Infantry Division its assigned and attached units, is amended to add: "372d Radio Research Company".

By Order of the Secretary of the Army:

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*General, United States Army,*  
*Chief of Staff.*

Official:

KENNETH G. WICKHAM,  
*Major General, United States Army,*  
*The Adjutant General.*

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